

Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for London Meeting on 17 September 2015

Summary report of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 at 10:30am in The Drawing Room, Valentines Mansion, Emerson Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 4XA

Members: Blondel Cluff (Chair)
Hilary Carty
Jenny Cousins
Sandie Dawe
Rachel Hasted
Jonathan Sheaff
Jennifer Ullman

Apologies: Russell Darbon (Impact & Influence Manager, Big Lottery Fund)

In attendance: Representatives from the London Borough of Redbridge (for item 18):
Tom Hook, Strategy Officer
Stefania Horne, Head of Business Development
Edith Galliers, Strategy Manager
Gareth Morley, Head of Culture and Libraries
John Powell, Director of Adult Social Services
Councillor Dev Sharma, Cabinet Member for Civic Pride
Iain Varah, Chief Executive, Vision Redbridge
Kevin Wakett, Head of Parks and Open Spaces
Alison Young, Chief Planning and Regeneration Officer

Simon Litt, Parks Manager, welcomed the Committee to Valentine's Mansion & Gardens. He briefly outlined the history of the Mansion which had undergone a £5m restoration in 2007/2008 with HLF support. The Mansion, which had re-opened in February 2009, was currently open two days per week.

The Chair thanked Mr Litt for his welcome.

1. Declarations of Interest

Oral

Jon Sheaff declared a conflict of interest in *Springfield Park* (item 3) as he wrote the application.

Jon Sheaff mentioned that his wife worked at the National Theatre (NT) which formed part of the wider Southbank area (item 21). Since his wife had had no involvement in the application, the case was for Board decision and the NT building was outside the scope of the proposed work, the Committee was content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Sandie Dawe mentioned that she knew the Chief Executive of the Southbank Centre (item 21) as they were both on the Board of London & Partners. The Committee was content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Jennifer Ullman mentioned that she previously worked as a consultant to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Since this was several years ago and she had no knowledge of the *Orleans House* (item 16) application, the Committee was content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest.

Alice Kershaw mentioned that she had a personal connection to the applicant behind *Heathrow Archive* (item 14). The Committee was content that this did not constitute a conflict of interest as she was not a decision taker, had not line managed the paper and her connection had not been directly involved with the bid.

- **Parks for People: June Board**

2. Parks for People Overview

CL 2015 (2) 2

The Committee noted the overview. *Parks for People* was a UK wide bi-annual programme. In England the programme was jointly funded by Heritage Lottery Fund / Big Lottery Fund. The Committee noted that the funding available for applications from England during 2015/2016 was £30.7m.

For this batch of applications, 14 first round applications with a total grant request of £25.94m had been received from England for a budget of £15.35m. There was one first round application from London. A second round application from London, Brompton Cemetery, had subsequently been deferred for consideration in December 2015.

SF4 First Round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

3. Springfield Park restoration project

CL 2015 (2) 3

Jon Sheaff declared a conflict of interest and left the room during the discussion of this item.

The London Borough of Hackney sought a first round pass of £3,194,100 including a development grant of £183,600 (75% of total eligible development costs) to strengthen the natural and built heritage of the Grade II registered, 15.5 hectare Springfield Park in Hackney. Capital works would include the restoration of the Grade II listed White Lodge, the Stable Block and the Glasshouse with associated planting of the Winter Garden. In addition, the Bowling Green pavilion would be repaired and extended as an outdoor learning space and a programme of habitat improvement, including de-silting the pond, would be undertaken. The project included a programme of learning and participation opportunities.

The Committee's views would be reported to the HLF Board and BLF England Parks for People Committee.

4. Chair's Report

Oral

During the last quarter, the Chair had:

- attended events at the, Science Museum, the Royal Horticultural Society and the Magna Carta event at the House of Lords where the positive impact on education by the HLF was clearly evident. She had also attended a meeting of Regional and Country Chairs where she met and welcomed NHMF's new Chair, Sir Peter Luff and the April 2015 Board meeting where she gave a brief presentation about the unique dual character of London as a region. At both meetings, she had emphasised the duality of London's heritage, comprising both a large national element that includes important national institutions such as the museums and academies together with London's unique regional heritage.
- undertaken a second round visit for the Southbank application.

5. Minutes from the meeting on 12 March 2015

CL 2015 (2) 5

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment to page 2, section 5, paragraph 4, bullet point two: *replace* 'England' with 'Britain'.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

Oral

There were no matters arising.

7. London Overview Report

CL 2015 (2) 7

Stuart Hobley, Head of London, presented the overview which reported on the work of the London team during the last quarter.

8. London Budget

CL 2015 (2) 8

Alice Kershaw, Casework Manager, introduced the paper which set the context for the Committee's decision taking for the 2015 - 2016 financial year. The Heritage Grant and Heritage Enterprise budget for the year in London was £12,300,000.

The Committee noted that for this meeting the:

- indicative grants budget was £3,075,000. Applications totalling £3,920,800 had been received. The Committee was advised that the grant increase and second round applications could be awarded providing they were content the projects would be high quality and would deliver value for money.
- indicative first round budget was £3,075,000. Applications totalling £4,181,200 had been received. The Committee would have to prioritise the applications.

The Committee noted the pipeline of applications for the September meeting.

SF4 First round applications

- **Grants for Places of Worship**

9. Grants for Places of Worship Applications

CL 2015 (2) 9

The Grants for Places of Worship scheme was a targeted, UK wide programme to support the urgent structural repair needs of listed places of worship. The programme also aimed to support congregations by involving more people from their wider communities in caring for, using and understanding the heritage of the buildings.

In this batch of applications for London, four first round applications with a grant request of £726,700 against a regional budget of £373,160 were initially received. One application was subsequently withdrawn. The Committee made the following decisions:

Item	Project Title	Applicant	Decisions
9a	St John's Upper Norwood: securing our foundations	St John Church, Upper Norwood	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £250,000, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £63,000 (60% OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
9b	St Paulinus Church, Crayford: Fabric Repairs 3	St Paulinus Church, Crayford	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £175,800, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £28,600 (69% OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
9c	Repair of ceiling lath and plaster and associated works	St Peter's Church, Hammersmith	REJECT

The application marked 9c was rejected on the grounds that the works were not sufficiently urgent compared to others in the batch.

- **Heritage Grants**

10. Restoring the Wapping River stairs

CL 2015 (2) 10

Turk's Head Charity, in partnership with London Borough of Tower Hamlets, sought a first round pass of £588,800, including development grant of £44,600 (86% of total development costs) to restore eight of Wapping's historic river stairs including King Henry's Stairs and the Grade II listed Wapping Old Stairs. The wider aim was to re-connect the historic relationship between Wapping and the River Thames. The stairs, which had been an integral part of the area's history from the 1500s, had fallen into disrepair following the closure of the docks in the 1960s. Since then five stairs had since been closed for public safety reasons. Learning and participation opportunities would include a full-time intern. One of the project's themes would be the stairs' role as execution sites for pirates such as Captain Kidd.

The Committee agreed that the project was a low priority for support and in view of the concerns raised **REJECTED** the application.

11. King's Cross Stories

CL 2015 (2) 11

Shift Design CIC, in partnership with The Building Exploratory, sought a first round pass with development funding to explore the social and built heritage of the King's Cross area through the cutting-edge, digital tool *Historypin* which had been developed by the company. Learning and participation opportunities would include a programme of activities for older people delivered by The Building Exploratory and a volunteer training programme delivered by the British Library.

The Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £663,900, including development grant of £67,800 (87% of total eligible development costs).

12. Restoring Peckham Road Fire Station and opening South London Gallery's archives to the public

CL 2015 (2) 12

South London Gallery sought a first round pass with development funding to restore, adapt and provide the Grade II listed, redundant Peckham Road Fire Station with a new use, as a publicly accessible annex to the Gallery's existing building. Facilities in the adapted Fire Station, which was on Historic England's Buildings at Risk Register, would include exhibition space, artists' studios, education and learning facilities and spaces for commercial hire. The project would also allow the Gallery to catalogue, and improve the storage of and public access to its archive. An associated programme of learning and participation opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £1,737,500, including a development grant of £254,300 (82% of total eligible development costs).

13. Beauty shines brighter - Celebrating a hidden gem!, St Mary's Church Becontree

CL 2015 (2) 13

St Mary's Church, Becontree sought a first round pass with development funding to regenerate this Grade II listed Church by restoring its historic fabric and replacing the associated parish hall with a modern, multi-use extension to the church. The project's wider aim was to improve the resilience and sustainability of the Church. The associated learning and participation programme would explore four heritage themes: the church, its architect, church architecture and the Becontree estate.

The Committee agreed that the project was a high priority for support and **AWARDED** a first round pass of £589,900, including a development grant of £55,000 (54% of total eligible development costs).

14. The Heathrow Archive

CL 2015 (2) 14

The University of West London sought a first round pass of £601,100, including a development grant of £48,000 (82% of total development costs) to catalogue, digitise and conserve the Heathrow Archive which charted the history of Heathrow Airport, its impact on aviation and the world. A 433 sq m exhibition space (with appropriate storage) to better interpret the Archive would also be created at the University's St Mary's Road campus. The Archive would be used by students on the University's *Airline and Airport Management* and *Event Management* courses. Learning and participation opportunities would include a programme of outreach activities and a touring exhibition.

The Committee considered that the application was a low priority for support and, in view of concerns raised, **REJECTED** the application.

15. Prioritisation and feedback for first round items

Oral

During their case by case discussions, the Committee had agreed that

- *Restoring Peckham Road Fire Station and opening South London Gallery's archives to the public* (item 12), *Beauty shines brighter - Celebrating a hidden gem!*, *St Mary's Church Becontree* (item 13) were a high priority for support
- *King's Cross Stories* (item 11) was a medium priority for support
- *Restoring the Wapping River stairs* (item 10) and *The Heathrow Archive* (item 14) were a low priority for support.

The Committee awarded a first round pass with development funding to *Restoring Peckham Road Fire Station and opening South London Gallery's archives to the public* (item 12) and rejected *Restoring the Wapping River stairs* (item 10) and *The Heathrow Archive* (item 14).

After further discussing the merits of *King's Cross Stories* (item 11) and *Beauty shines brighter - Celebrating a hidden gem!*, *St Mary's Church Becontree* (item 13), the Committee agreed that *King's Cross Stories* was also a high priority for support. The Committee awarded first round passes with development funding to both applications.

SF4 Second round applications for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

16. Transforming Orleans House

CL 2015 (2) 16

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames sought funding for conservation and improvement works to the Grade I listed, Orleans House Gallery. Capital works comprised the conservation of the Grade I listed Octagon Room, the extension of the North Wing and upgrading the West Wing including the installation of a lift. The associated learning and participation programme included two apprenticeships.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,757,600 (49%).

17. Know Our Place: Sharing and Saving Whitehall

CL 2015 (2) 17

The London Borough of Sutton Library Service sought funding to preserve and enhance the Grade II* listed Whitehall Museum and to build a community network focused on the house, enabling local people to share in and learn about its heritage and the history of Cheam. Capital works would include: improvements to physical access, visitor facilities and the garden. In addition, interpretation would be improved, a 'pop-up' exhibition created and the museum's collections would be catalogued and digitised. An associated programme of learning and participation opportunities aimed at widening audiences would be delivered.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,522,300 (86% of total eligible delivery costs).

Item for discussion

18. Priority Development Area Presentation: Redbridge Oral

The Chair welcomed the representatives from the London Borough of Redbridge to the meeting.

Gareth Morley, Head of Culture and Libraries, gave a presentation about the Borough which had recently become a HLF Priority Development Area and outlined the vision of the Redbridge Leisure and Culture Trust.

The Chair thanked Gareth Morley for his presentation and Redbridge for their impressive representation.

SP3 Grant Increase for discussion and decision

- **Heritage Grants**

19. West House, Pinner CL 2015 (2) 19

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust and the William Heath Robinson Trust sought a grant increase to extend West House, located in Pinner Memorial Park, to enable the WHRT collection to be appropriately managed and made accessible to the public. Associated exhibition/learning programmes and resources would also be delivered.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant increase of £171,200 (to make a total grant of £1,304,300; 68%).

SF4 Second round application for discussion and decision

- **Townscape Heritage Initiatives**

20. Walthamstow St James – 'History, economy, community' CL 2015 (2) 20

The London Borough of Waltham Forest sought funding for a Township Heritage scheme in Walthamstow's St James Conservation Area. The project would focus on six high priority buildings at the western entrance to the conservation area in the High Street and St James Street Station, leading to Walthamstow Station. An associated programme of public realm works and community engagement activities would also be delivered.

The Committee **AWARDED** a grant of £1,459,000 (50% of total eligible delivery costs).

SF4 Second Round Board applications

- **Heritage Grant: July Board**

21. Saving Southbank Centre's 60s building CL 2015 (2) 21

The Southbank Centre sought a grant of £4,900,000 (20% of total eligible development costs) for the restoration of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery located in the South Bank Centre. A complementary programme of learning and participation opportunities including work on the Centre's archives would be delivered.

The Committee's views would be reported to the Board. The Board would determine the application in July 2015.

SF4 First Round Board applications for discussion and recommendation

- **Heritage Grant: July Board**

- 22. The People's History: How Voluntary Action Has Shaped our Society over the past 100 years** **CL 2015 (2) 22**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations sought a first round pass of £967,900 including a development grant of £94,500 (90% of total eligible development costs) for a three year, cross territory project to map and celebrate the development of the voluntary sector and volunteering over the past 100 years, bringing to life the story of how civil society has been at the heart of social change. Key documents from the applicants archive and those of Volunteering England would be digitised and made available online. The project was a key part of the applicant's centenary celebrations in 2019. An associated programme of learning and participation opportunities would be delivered.

The Committee's views would be reported to the Board. The Board would determine the application in July 2015.

Papers for discussion

- 23. Annual of Delegated Decisions Annual 2014-2015** **CL 2015 (2) 23**

The Committee noted the paper which provided an analysis of small grants schemes awarded grants by delegated decision during 2014-2015. The paper also highlighted challenges and issues arising during the year.

- 24. Communications Report** **CL 2015 (2) 24**

The Committee noted the communications report for the period March to May 2015. The Board's decisions to award three major grants to applications in London had received good coverage across London.

Papers for information

- 25. Draft Communications Framework 2015 - 2016** **CL 2015 (2) 25**

Stuart Hopley, Head of Region, presented the draft 2015/2016 communications framework for London highlighting initial thinking on the key themes for media opportunities during the year.

- 26. London Annual Report 2014 - 2015** **CL 2015 (2) 26**

The Committee received a report outlining the activity and work of the London team during 2014/2015.

- 27. Minutes of Regional and Country Chairs meeting held on 12 May 2015** **CL 2015 (2) 27**

The Committee noted the minutes.

- 28. Corporate Update** **Oral**

Sue Bowers, Deputy Director of Operations, gave an update on corporate developments in the last quarter:

- additional funds had been allocated to the Major Grants programme for applications considered in April 2015. Three of the four applications from London had been successful.
- the new Chair of the NHMF/HLF Board, Sir Peter Luff, was now in post.
- following the success of the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, the Government had decided to offer a second round of funding for decision in 2016. It was noted that

Officers had assessed 1,900 applications in a short period of time and were congratulated by the Committee on this achievement.

Looking forward, the organisation which was midway through Strategic Framework 5 was starting to think about Strategic Framework 6.

29. Any Other Business

Oral

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be held on 17 September 2015.